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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This response is submitted in response to an Office Action dated May 23, 2002, in which the Examiner issued a restriction requirement, requiring that the Applicants elect one of six groups of the originally filed claims. In the Office Action, the Examiner set a one-month time period in which to respond. Accompanying this response is a petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee for the petition. Thus, this response is timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Please cancel claims 1 - 18 and 20 -22, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 23 - 39 as follows:

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I hereby declare that on the date indicated below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231.

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